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10	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	Case No.: 1:22-CR-02037-MKD	
11	Plaintiff,	Plea Agreement	
12	v.	Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C)	
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14	JAIME HERRERA,		
15	Defendant.		
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17	Plaintiff United States of America, by and through Vanessa R. Waldref,		
18	United States Attorney the Eastern District of Washington, and Earl A. Hicks and		
19	Michael J. Ellis, Assistant United States Attorneys for the Eastern District of		
20	Washington, and Defendant Jaime Herrera ("Defendant"), both individually and by		
21	and through Defendant's counsel, Lorinda Youngcourt and Paul E. Shelton, agree		
22	to the following Plea Agreement.		
23	1. <u>Waiver of Indictment</u>		
24	Defendant, having been advised of the right to be charged by Indictment,		
25	agrees to waive that right and enter a plea of guilty to the charges brought by the		
26	United States in an Information.		
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2. Guilty Plea and Maximum Statutory Penalties

Defendant agrees to enter a plea of guilty to the Information filed on March 26, 2024, which charges Defendant with Second Degree Murder in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111, 1152, a Class A felony, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(3), 1152, a Class C felony.

Defendant understands that the following potential penalties apply to Second Degree Murder in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111, 1152:

- a. a term of imprisonment of any term of years or life;
- b. a term of supervised release of not more than five years;
- c. a fine of up to \$250,000; and
- d. a \$100 special penalty assessment.

Defendant understands that the following potential penalties apply to Assault with a Dangerous Weapon in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C.

§§ 113(a)(3), 1152:

- a. a term of imprisonment of not more than ten years;
- b. a term of supervised release of not more than three years;
- c. a fine of up to \$250,000; and
- d. a \$100 special penalty assessment.

3. Waiver of Statute of Limitations

Defendant understands that the charges brought by the United States in an Information – Second Degree Murder in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111, 1152, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(3), 1152 – are subject to a five-year statute of limitations. See 18 U.S.C. § 3282(a). Defendant, having been advised of the statute of limitations, agrees to waive the statute of limitations, and any associated statutory bar to the charges in the Information, and enter a plea of guilty to the charges brought by the United States in an Information.

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4. Supervised Release

Defendant understands that if Defendant violates any condition of Defendant's supervised release, the Court may revoke Defendant's term of supervised release, and require Defendant to serve in prison all or part of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the offense that resulted in such term of supervised release without credit for time previously served on post release supervision, up to the following terms:

- a. 5 years in prison if the offense that resulted in the term of
 Supervised Release is a class A felony,
- b. 3 years in prison if the offense that resulted in the term of
 Supervised Release is a class B felony, and/or
- 2 years in prison if the offense that resulted in the term of
 Supervised Release is a class C felony.

Accordingly, Defendant understands that if Defendant commits one or more violations of supervised release, Defendant could serve a total term of incarceration greater than the maximum sentence authorized by statute for Defendant's offense or offenses of conviction.

5. The Court is Not a Party to this Plea Agreement

The Court is not a party to this Plea Agreement and may accept or reject it.

Defendant acknowledges that no promises of any type have been made to

Defendant with respect to the sentence the Court will impose in this matter.

Defendant understands the following:

- a. sentencing is a matter solely within the discretion of the Court;
- b. the Court is under no obligation to accept any recommendations made by the United States or Defendant;
- c. the Court will obtain an independent report and sentencing recommendation from the United States Probation Office;

- d. the Court may exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it deems appropriate, up to the statutory maximum penalties; and
- e. the Court is required to consider the applicable range set forth in the United States Sentencing Guidelines, but may depart or vary upward or downward under certain circumstances.

6. Potential Immigration Consequences of Guilty Plea

If Defendant is not a citizen of the United States, Defendant understands the following:

- a. pleading guilty in this case may have immigration consequences;
- a broad range of federal crimes may result in Defendant's removal from the United States, including the offense to which Defendant is pleading guilty;
- c. removal from the United States and other immigration consequences are the subject of separate proceedings; and
- d. no one, including Defendant's attorney or the Court, can predict
 with absolute certainty the effect of a federal conviction on
 Defendant's immigration status.

Defendant affirms that Defendant is knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily pleading guilty as set forth in this Plea Agreement, regardless of any immigration consequences that Defendant's guilty plea may entail.

7. Waiver of Constitutional Rights

Defendant understands that by entering this guilty plea, Defendant is knowingly and voluntarily waiving certain constitutional rights, including the following:

- a. the right to a jury trial;
- b. the right to see, hear and question the witnesses;
- c. the right to remain silent at trial;

- d. the right to testify at trial; and
- e. the right to compel witnesses to testify.

While Defendant is waiving certain constitutional rights, Defendant understands that Defendant retains the right to be assisted by an attorney through the sentencing proceedings in this case and any direct appeal of Defendant's conviction and sentence, and that an attorney will be appointed at no cost if Defendant cannot afford to hire an attorney.

Defendant understands and agrees that any defense motions currently pending before the Court are mooted by this Plea Agreement, and Defendant expressly waives Defendant's right to bring any additional pretrial motions.

8. Elements of the Offense

The United States and Defendant agree that, in order to convict Defendant of Second Degree Murder in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111, 1152, the United States would have to prove the following beyond a reasonable doubt.

- a. *First*, on or about July 19, 2017, within the Eastern District of Washington, Defendant unlawfully killed W.G.O.;
- b. Second, Defendant killed W.G.O. with malice aforethought;
- c. Third, the killing occurred within the external boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation, in Indian Country; and
- d. Fourth, W.G.O. was an Indian.

The United States and Defendant agree that, in order to convict Defendant of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(3), 1152, the United States would have to prove the following beyond a reasonable doubt.

- a. First, on or about July 19, 2017, within the Eastern District of Washington, Defendant assaulted C.E. using a display of force that reasonably caused C.E. to fear immediate bodily harm;
- b. Second, Defendant acted with the intent to do bodily harm;

- c. Third, Defendant used a dangerous weapon;
- d. Fourth, the assault occurred within the external boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation, in Indian Country; and
- e. Fifth, C.E. was an Indian.

9. Factual Basis and Statement of Facts

The parties agree to the following: the facts set forth below are accurate; the United States could prove these facts beyond a reasonable doubt at trial; and these facts constitute an adequate factual basis for Defendant's guilty plea.

The parties agree that this statement of facts does not preclude either party from presenting and arguing, for sentencing purposes, additional facts that are relevant to the Sentencing Guidelines computation or sentencing, unless otherwise prohibited in this Plea Agreement.

On July 19, 2017, at approximately 3:15 a.m., W.G.O., an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and C.E., an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe, were walking down a road between Garfield Elementary School and Garfield Park in Toppenish, Washington. The location is within the external boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation and in Indian Country. The location is also within the Eastern District of Washington.

A light-colored SUV pulled up alongside W.G.O. and C.E.; the vehicle was later identified as a 2007-2015 Ford Edge with an SEL trim package. The driver of the Ford Edge asked W.G.O. and C.E. "what do you claim?" "What do you claim?" is a question commonly asked by gang members when inquiring into another individual's gang status. W.G.O. and C.E. responded that they didn't claim anything. The driver then left, made a U-turn, and drove back to W.G.O. and C.E. The driver again asked "what do you claim?" The driver then pulled out a rifle, stated "you fuckin leva," and shot W.G.O. "Leva" is a term used by gang members to identify an individual believed or perceived to be a traitor or turncoat to the

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gang, C.E. was standing right next to W.G.O. when W.G.O. was shot, A .223 caliber casing was recovered near W.G.O.'s body.

Defendant was later identified as the driver of the Ford Edge and individual who shot W.G.O. by two persons: one who was present in the Ford Edge with Defendant at the time of the shooting and another who the Defendant told about the shooting on multiple occasions after the shooting. Defendant was also identified as:

- 1. A Sureno gang member.
- 2. The registered owner of a 2007-2015 Ford Edge with an SEL trim package.
- 3. The individual associated with a cellular device that was located around Garfield Elementary School between 3:17 a.m. and 3:26 a.m. on July 19, 2017.
- 4. Posting on Facebook on July 12, 2017 that "They know wassup when i pull out my baby" followed by a photograph of a rifle, identified by Defendant as an AR-15, located on the front passenger seat of Defendant's Ford Edge. An AR-15 firearm can be configured to fire .223 caliber ammunition, the same caliber as the shell casing recovered near W.G.O.'s body.

Defendant admits that he shot and killed W.G.O. with malice aforethought within the external boundaries of the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation, in Indian Country, on July 19, 2017. Defendant further admits that he shot and killed W.G.O. due to Defendant's beliefs regarding W.G.O.'s gang affiliation. Defendant further admits that he pointed the firearm in C.E.'s direction when shooting W.G.O., thereby causing C.E. to reasonably fear bodily injury from the dangerous weapon. Defendant further admits that he – in addition to intending to kill W.G.O. - acted with intent to cause harm.

10. The United States' Agreements

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington agrees that at the time of sentencing, the United States will move to dismiss the Indictment filed on April 5, 2022, which charges Defendant with, in Count 1, First Degree Murder in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111, 1152, in Count 2, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon in Indian Country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(3), 1152, and, in Count 3, Discharging and Using a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington agrees not to bring additional charges against Defendant based on information in its possession at the time of this Plea Agreement that arise from conduct that is either charged in the Indictment or identified in discovery produced in this case, unless Defendant breaches this Plea Agreement before sentencing.

11. United States Sentencing Guidelines Calculations

Defendant understands and acknowledges that the United States Sentencing Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Guidelines") apply and that the Court will determine Defendant's advisory range at the time of sentencing.

a. <u>Base Offense Level</u>

The United States and Defendant stipulate and agree that the base offense level for Second Degree Murder is thirty-eight (38). See U.S.S.G. § 2A1.2(a).¹

b. Acceptance of Responsibility

The United States will recommend that Defendant receive a three-level downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a), (b) if Defendant does the following:

i. accepts this Plea Agreement;

¹ The United States and Defendant acknowledge that further Guidelines calculations pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3D1.1 will be conducted to determined Defendant's total adjusted offense level.

1	ii.	enters a guilty plea at the first Court hearing that takes	
2		place after the United States offers this Plea Agreement;	
3	iii.	demonstrates recognition and affirmative acceptance of	
4		Defendant's personal responsibility for Defendant's	
5		criminal conduct;	
6	iv.	provides complete and accurate information during the	
7		sentencing process; and	
8	v.	does not commit any obstructive conduct.	
9	The parties agree that, at its option and on written notice to Defendant, the		
10	United States may elect not to recommend a reduction for acceptance of		
11	responsibility if, before sentencing, Defendant is convicted of any criminal offense		
12	or, if Defendant tests positive for any controlled substance.		
13	c. <u>No Other Agreements</u>		
14	The parties have no other agreements regarding the Guidelines or the		
15	application of any Guidelines enhancements, departures, or variances. Defendant		
16	understands and acknowledges that the United States is free to make any		
17	sentencing arguments it sees fit, including arguments arising from Defendant's		
18	uncharged conduct, conduct set forth in charges that will be dismissed pursuant to		
19	this Agreement, and Defendant's relevant conduct.		
20	d. <u>Criminal History</u>		
21	The parties have no agreement and make no representations about		
22	Defendant's criminal history category, which will be determined by the Court after		
23	the United States Probation Office prepares and discloses a Presentence		
24	Investigation Report.		
25	12. <u>Incarceration</u>	<u>on</u>	
26	Defendant acknow	vledges that this Plea Agreement is entered pursuant to	
27	Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C) ("Rule 11(c)(1)(C)"). Pursuant to		
28	Rule 11(c)(1)(C), the United States and Defendant agree that the appropriate		
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disposition of the case is a sentence of 360 months imprisonment. Further, pursuant to Rule (c)(1)(C), the United States and Defendant agree that the 360-month sentence should be run consecutively to Defendant's 240-month sentence in Yakima County Superior Court Case No. 19-1-00669-39. The United States and Defendant agree to make the above sentencing recommendation to the Court. Although the United States and Defendant agree to make the above recommendation to the Court pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C), Defendant acknowledges that no promises of any type have been made to Defendant with respect to the sentence the Court will ultimately impose.

Defendant understands that Defendant may withdraw from this Plea Agreement if the Court imposes a term of imprisonment of greater than 360 months or indicates its intent to do so. Defendant also understands that the United States may withdraw from this Plea Agreement if the Court imposes a term of imprisonment of less than 360 months or indicates its intent to do so. Defendant also understands that the United States may withdraw from this Plea Agreement if the Court does not impose the 360-month sentence consecutively to Defendant's 240-month sentence in Yakima County Superior Court Case No. 19-1-00669-39 or indicates its intent to run the sentences – all or in part – concurrently.

The United States and Defendant acknowledge that the imposition of any fine, restitution, or conditions of Supervised Release are not part of the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) nature of this Plea Agreement; that the United States and Defendant are free to make any recommendations they deem appropriate as to the imposition of fines, restitution, or conditions of Supervised Release; and that the Court will exercise its discretion in this regard. The United States and Defendant acknowledge that the Court's decisions regarding the imposition of fines, restitution, or conditions of Supervised Release will not provide bases for Defendant to withdraw Defendant's guilty plea or withdraw from this Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Agreement.

Defendant acknowledges that if either the United States or Defendant successfully withdraws from this Plea Agreement, the Plea Agreement becomes a nullity, and the United States is no longer bound by any representations within it.

13. Supervised Release

The United States and Defendant jointly agree to recommend that the Court impose a five (5) year term of supervised release. Defendant agrees that the Court's decision regarding the term and conditions of Supervised Release is final and non-appealable; that is, even if Defendant is unhappy with the conditions of Supervised Release ordered by the Court, that will not be a basis for Defendant to withdraw Defendant's guilty plea, withdraw from this Plea Agreement, or appeal any condition of the Supervise Release.

The United States and Defendant agree to recommend that in addition to the standard conditions of supervised release imposed in all cases in this District, the Court should also impose the following conditions:

- (a) that Defendant participate and complete such drug testing and drug treatment programs as the Probation Officer directs, but not to exceed six non-treatment drug tests per month during the imposed term of supervised release;
- (b) that Defendant's person, residence, office, vehicle, and belongings are subject to search, at a sensible time and manner, at the direction of the Probation Officer, based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of a violation of a condition of supervision; and
- (c) that Defendant have no contact with any identified witness, victim, or family member of a victim identified in this case.

14. Criminal Fine

The United States and Defendant agree to recommend that no fine be imposed. Defendant agrees that the Court's decision regarding a fine is final and

non-appealable; that is, even if Defendant is unhappy with any fine ordered by the Court, that will not be a basis for Defendant to withdraw Defendant's guilty plea, withdraw from this Plea Agreement, or appeal any fine imposed.

15. Mandatory Special Penalty Assessment

Defendant agrees to pay the \$200 mandatory special penalty assessment to the Clerk of Court for the Eastern District of Washington. See 18 U.S.C. § 3013.

16. Restitution

The United States and Defendant agree that restitution is appropriate and mandatory, without regard to Defendant's economic situation, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663A, 3664, for the offense conduct to which Defendant has pled guilty for all victims, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(a)(2), who were directly and proximately harmed by the offense conduct, including any representatives of any victim's estate. Furthermore, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(a)(3), Defendant voluntarily agrees to pay restitution for all losses, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(b)(2)-(4), caused by Defendant's individual conduct, in exchange for the United States not bringing additional potential charges, regardless of whether counts associated with such losses will be dismissed as part of this Plea Agreement.

With respect to restitution, the United States and Defendant agree to the following:

a. Restitution Amount and Interest

The United States and Defendant stipulate and agree that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663, 3663A and 3664, the Court should order restitution in an amount to be determined at sentencing, and that any interest on this restitution amount, if any, should be waived.

The United States and Defendant stipulate and agree that restitution shall be ordered to W.G.O., any representative of W.G.O.'s estate, C.E., and/or any third-

party compensating the victims or their estates, including Crime Victim's 1 2

Compensation. 18 U.S.C. § 3664(j)(1).

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b. **Payments**

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To the extent restitution is ordered, the United States and Defendant agree that the Court will set a restitution payment schedule based on Defendant's financial circumstances. 18 U.S.C. § 3664(f)(2), (3)(A). Regardless, Defendant

agrees to pay not less than 10% of Defendant's net monthly income towards

Treasury Offset Program and Collection c.

Defendant understands the Treasury Offset Program ("TOP") collects delinquent debts owed to federal agencies. If applicable, the TOP may take part or all of Defendant's federal tax refund, federal retirement benefits, or other federal benefits and apply these monies to Defendant's restitution obligations. 26 U.S.C. § 6402(d); 31 U.S.C. § 3720A; 31 U.S.C. § 3716.

Defendant understands that the United States may, notwithstanding the Court-imposed payment schedule, pursue other avenues to ensure the restitution obligation is satisfied, including, but not limited to, garnishment of available funds, wages, or assets. 18 U.S.C. §§ 3572, 3613, and 3664(m).

Nothing in this acknowledgment shall be construed to limit Defendant's ability to assert any specifically identified exemptions as provided by law, except as set forth in this Plea Agreement.

Until Defendant's fine and restitution obligations are paid in full, Defendant agrees fully to disclose all assets in which Defendant has any interest or over which Defendant exercises control, directly or indirectly, including those held by a spouse, nominee or third party.

Until Defendant's fine and restitution obligations are paid in full, Defendant agrees to provide waivers, consents, or releases requested by the U.S. Attorney's Office to access records to verify the financial information.

d. Notifications and Waivers

Defendant agrees to notify the Court and the United States of any material change in Defendant's economic circumstances (e.g., inheritances, monetary gifts, changed employment, or income increases) that might affect Defendant's ability to pay restitution. 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). Defendant also agrees to notify the United States of any address change within 30 days of that change. 18 U.S.C. § 3612(b)(1)(F). These obligations cease when Defendant's fine and restitution obligations are paid in full.

Defendant acknowledges that the Court's decision regarding restitution is final and non-appealable; that is, even if Defendant is unhappy with the amount of restitution ordered by the Court, that will not be a basis for Defendant to withdraw Defendant's guilty plea, withdraw from this Plea Agreement, or appeal Defendant's conviction, sentence, or restitution order.

17. Payments While Incarcerated

If Defendant lacks the financial resources to pay the monetary obligations imposed by the Court, Defendant agrees to earn money toward these obligations by participating in the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

18. Additional Violations of Law Can Void Plea Agreement

The United States and Defendant agree the United States may, at its option and upon written notice to Defendant, withdraw from this Plea Agreement or modify its sentencing recommendation if, before sentencing, Defendant is convicted of any criminal offense or tests positive for any unlawful controlled substance.

19. Waiver of Appeal Rights

Defendant understands that Defendant has a limited right to appeal or challenge Defendant's conviction and the sentence imposed by the Court.

In return for the concessions that the United States has made in this Plea Agreement, Defendant agrees to waive Defendant's right to appeal Defendant's

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conviction and sentence if the Court imposes a term of imprisonment consistent with the terms of this Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Agreement.

If the Court indicates its intent to impose a sentence above the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) terms of this Plea Agreement and Defendant chooses *not* to withdraw, then Defendant: (a) may appeal only Defendant's sentence, but not Defendant's conviction and (b) may appeal only the substantive reasonableness of Defendant's sentence.

Defendant further expressly agrees that, should the Court indicate its intent to impose a sentence above the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) terms of this Plea Agreement, Defendant agrees that Defendant has fourteen (14) days from the sentencing hearing to file with the Court a notice of withdrawal from the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Agreement. Defendant expressly waives Defendant's right to withdraw from the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Agreement more than fourteen (14) days after the Court either imposes a sentence above the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) terms of this Plea Agreement or indicates its intent to do so.

Defendant expressly waives Defendant's right to appeal any fine, term or conditions of supervised release, or restitution order imposed by the Court.

Defendant expressly waives the right to file any post-conviction motion attacking Defendant's conviction and sentence, including a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, except one based on ineffective assistance of counsel arising from information not now known by Defendant and which, in the exercise of due diligence, Defendant could not know by the time the Court imposes sentence.

Nothing in this Plea Agreement shall preclude the United States from opposing any post-conviction motion for a reduction of sentence or other attack upon the conviction or sentence, including, but not limited to, writ of habeas corpus proceedings brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

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20. Withdrawal or Vacatur of Defendant's Plea

Should Defendant successfully move to withdraw from this Plea Agreement or should Defendant's conviction be set aside, vacated, reversed, or dismissed under any circumstance, then:

- a. The United States' obligations in this Plea Agreement shall be null and void;
- b. the United States may prosecute Defendant on all available charges;
- c. The United States may reinstate any counts that have been dismissed, have been superseded by the filing of another charging instrument, or were not charged because of this Plea Agreement; and
- d. the United States may file any new charges that would otherwise be barred by this Plea Agreement.

The decision to pursue any or all of these options is solely in the discretion of the United States Attorney's Office.

Defendant agrees to waive any objections, motions, and/or defenses

Defendant might have to the United States' decisions to seek, reinstate, or reinitiate charges if a count of conviction is withdrawn, set aside, vacated, reversed, or dismissed, including any claim that the United States has violated Double

Jeopardy.

Defendant agrees not to raise any objections based on the passage of time, including but not limited to, alleged violations of any statutes of limitation or any objections based on the Speedy Trial Act or the Speedy Trial Clause of the Sixth Amendment.

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21. <u>Integration Clause</u>

The parties acknowledge that this document constitutes the entire Plea Agreement between the parties, and no other promises, agreements, or conditions exist between the parties concerning the resolution of the case.

This Plea Agreement is binding only on the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington, and cannot bind other federal, state, or local authorities.

The parties agree this Agreement cannot be modified except in a writing that is signed by both parties.

Approvals and Signatures

Agreed and submitted on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington.

Vanessa R. Waldref United States Attorney

Earl a. Hicks	3/26/2024
Earl A. Hicks	Date

Assistant United States Attorney

Michael J. Ellis Date

Assistant United States Attorney

I have read this Plea Agreement and I have carefully reviewed and discussed every part of this Plea Agreement with my attorney. I understand the terms of this Plea Agreement. I enter into this Plea Agreement knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. I have consulted with my attorney about my rights, I understand those rights, and I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this case. No other promises or inducements have been made to me, other than those contained //

1	in this Plea Agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter		
2	into this Plea Agreement. I agree to plead guilty because I am guilty.		
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4	Jaime Herrera 3-24-24 Date		
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6	Defendant		
7	I have read the Plea Agreement and have discussed the contents of the		
8	agreement with my client. The Plea Agreement accurately and completely sets		
9	forth the entirety of the agreement between the parties. I concur in my client's		
10	decision to plead guilty as set forth in the Plea Agreement. There is no legal reason		
11	why the Court should not accept Defendant's guilty plea.		
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